

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO: B0932/7134/NPF

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Jake CARPENTER and Christopher M. DOYLE

Serial No:

09/498,950

Filed:

February 4, 2000

For:

ADJUSTABLE BINDING STRAP FOR SECURING A

SNOWBOARDING BOOT TO A BASEPLATE

Examiner:

Vanaman, F.

Art Unit:

3618

RECEIVED

APR 0 5 001

TO 3600 MAIL ROOM

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document is being placed in the United States mail with first-class postage attached, addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the March, 2001.

Signature

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been file before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case. No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.



Serial No.: 09/498.950' - 2 - Art Unit: 3618

PART III: Remarks

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

- 1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claudes 1 5 (001
- 2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited TO 3600 MAIL ROOM information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
- 3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Carpenter et al., Applicant(s)

By:

Neil P. Ferraro, Reg No. 39,188

Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, P.C.

600 Atlantic Avenue

Boston, MA 02210

Telephone (617) 720-3500

Docket No. b0932/7134 Dated: March 29, 2001 xNDD